

SENATE RESOLUTION 23

By Dickerson

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Ms. Emily J. Reynolds to the Tennessee Board of Regents.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201, provides for the creation of the Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201, further provides that the Governor shall appoint fourteen members to the Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has appointed Emily J. Reynolds of Nashville to serve on the Board of Regents representing Middle Tennessee at large; Ms. Reynolds will serve on the Board of Regents during a term that will expire on June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Reynolds is the Senior Vice President of Government Relations for the Tennessee Valley Authority; she joined TVA as Senior Vice President of Communications, Government and Valley Relations in 2007, after a long career of public service dating back to 1980; and

WHEREAS, from 2003 to 2007, she served as the 31<sup>st</sup> secretary of the U.S. Senate, in which position she managed the legislative, financial, and administrative operations of the Senate; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Reynolds began her career as special assistant to U.S. Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker, Jr., in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Tennessee Governor Don Sundquist appointed Ms. Reynolds to serve as the vice chairman and executive director of the Governor's TennCare Roundtable; and

WHEREAS, later that year, she was named state director for U.S. Senator Bill Frist of Tennessee; working out of Nashville, she managed Frist's state operation of six offices; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Reynolds became chief of staff for Senator Frist in 2001; located in Washington, D.C., she supervised the senator's Washington and Tennessee offices, with overall responsibility for the management and coordination of staffing, legislative activity, communications, constituent relations, and scheduling; and

WHEREAS, a native of Nashville, Ms. Reynolds is a graduate of Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Reynolds's educational and professional experience will be a tremendous asset to the Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Emily J. Reynolds is a person of integrity and an active citizen whose benevolence, acumen, and strong commitment to public service have helped to enhance the well being of this state and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201, provides that each member appointed by the governor to the Board of Regents shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that this body hereby confirms the appointment of Emily J. Reynolds to the Tennessee Board of Regents for a term to expire on June 30, 2018.